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H.R. No. 35

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, that the following amendments to the permanent rules of the
3 House of Representatives of the 85th Legislature are hereby
4 adopted.

5 Rule 5, Sec. 6 is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 6. MOTIONS IN ORDER WHEN QUORUM NOT PRESENT. If a
7 registration or record vote reveals that a quorum is not present,
8 only a motion to adjourn or a motion for a call of the house and the
9 motions incidental thereto, including motions to impose penalties
10 on absent members, shall be in order.

11 Rule 5, Sec. 8 is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 8. SECURING A QUORUM. When a call of the house is moved
13 for one of the above purposes and seconded by 15 members (of whom
14 the speaker may be one) and ordered by a majority vote, the main
15 entrance to the hall and all other doors leading out of the hall
16 shall be locked and no member permitted to leave the house without
17 the written permission of the speaker. The names of members present
18 shall be recorded. All absentees for whom no sufficient excuse is
19 made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent for and
20 arrested, wherever they may be found, by the sergeant-at-arms or an
21 officer appointed by the sergeant-at-arms for that purpose, and
22 their attendance shall be secured and retained. The house shall
23 determine on what conditions they shall be discharged. Members who
24 voluntarily appear shall, unless the house otherwise directs, be

1 immediately admitted to the hall of the house and shall report their
2 names to the clerk to be entered in the journal as present.

3 Until a quorum appears, should the roll call fail to show one
4 present, it shall not be in order to recess under a call of the house
5 and no business shall be transacted, except to adjourn, to compel
6 the attendance of absent members, or, by a vote of a majority of all
7 members, impose the following penalties on absent members:

8 (1) remove an absent member from any committee
9 chairmanship;

10 (2) remove an absent member from any procedural
11 committee; and

12 (3) permanently remove any privilege or advantage
13 regularly due to an absent member on the basis of seniority [~~or to~~
14 adjourn. It shall not be in order to recess under a call of the
15 house].